

## Masses, Services and Devotions

	St Bede's Church Bedlington	St Robert of Newminster Church Morpeth
<b>Saturday 12th January</b> <i>St Benet Biscop</i>	5.00pm The Rosary 5.00pm-5.20pm Confessions <b>5.30pm Vigil Mass: People of Parish</b>	9.40am The Rosary <b>10.00am Mass:</b> In thanksgiving to St. Jude & all the Saints  10.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 11am - 12noon Confessions
<b>Sunday 13th January</b> <b>Baptism of the Lord</b>		<b>9.00am Mass:</b> Helen & Douglas Cone <b>11.00am Mass:</b> Sulek and Raczylid families, Julia & Antoni Sulek and Kif Moffatt
<b>Monday 14th January</b> <i>Weekday</i>	<b>10.00am Mass: Mary &amp; Robert Keddy</b>	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Service of Word and Communion
<b>Tuesday 15th January</b> <i>Weekday</i>	10.00am Service of Word and Communion	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus <b>9.15am Mass: Dorothy Devitt</b> and deceased of the Devitt and Doherty families
<b>Wednesday 16th January</b> <i>Weekday</i>	9.30am Morning Prayer of the Church <b>10.00am Mass Peggy &amp; Wesley Leadbitter</b>	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Service of Word and Communion
<b>Thursday 17th January</b> <i>St Anthony, Abbot</i>	9.30am Morning Prayer of the Church 10.00am Service of Word and Communion	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus <b>9.15am Mass: Sr Shelagh Doherty</b> and deceased of the Doherty and Devitt families 7.00pm Divine Mercy Devotions
<b>Friday 18th January</b> <i>Weekday</i>	9.15am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.30am Morning Prayer of the Church <b>10.00am Mass: No Intention</b>	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Service of Word and Communion
<b>Saturday 19th January</b> <i>Weekday</i>	5.00pm The Rosary 5.00pm—5.20pm <i>Confessions</i> <b>5.30pm Vigil Mass: Mary &amp; James Tait</b>	9.40am The Rosary <b>10.00am Mass: Eileen O'Connor</b> 10.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 11am - 12noon Confessions
<b>Sunday 20th January</b> <b>2nd Sunday Yr C</b>		<b>9.00am Mass: Sheila Brown</b> <b>11.00am Mass: Yvonne Simey</b>

### The Pope's Intention January 2019

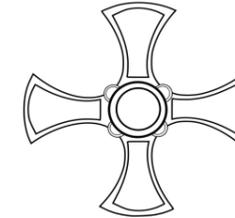
Evangelization – Young People: That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

### Music in Church

We have recently purchased a new Roland Electronic Keyboard for use with our music at Mass and we are keen to see if anyone would like to play this or any other instrument at Mass. We are therefore going to have a "Come along, play and see" afternoon on Saturday 2nd February, to which any prospective musicians can come along, bringing their own instrument, or having a try at the new keyboard or organ. There is also an electronic drum-kit should anyone wish to try it.



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## Sunday 13th January 2019 - The Baptism of the Lord

What does Jesus' baptism say to us? Jesus' thirty years of preparation before his public baptism remind us that it takes time to get ready for God's mission. How many countless hours did Jesus spend in prayer? What study, what thought, what agony must he have undergone before appearing in front of John to ask him to baptize him. It is never too late for any of us to say, "yes" to God.

January is a time for new beginnings and fresh resolution. John the Baptist was an expert on this. John's ministry was all about repentance and life changing reform ... that's what his baptism was all about. But anyone who has ever seriously tried to change themselves will know how difficult change really is. Can we really entertain any hopes of becoming braver if we have spent our whole lives avoiding confrontation? Can we really become kinder if we have spent our whole lives only thinking of our own needs? All of us can point to parts of our life that remain stubbornly unchanged year in and year out. Those who were baptised by John were baptised as a sign of their intent to change from their old ways, but knowing how difficult change can be, we can't help wondering how successful they must have been. Perhaps John appreciated this too when he said "I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit."

We are told that the same Holy Spirit that empowered Jesus at the outset of his ministry, is the same Holy Spirit that is given to us in our baptism. This is an inspiring thought. Validating our baptism anew every day, knowing that we are filled with the Holy Spirit ..... perhaps change isn't beyond us after all.





Please pray for: Peace on Earth; Christian Unity, The Sick and those who care for them; Victims of Trafficking and those who work to combat it; the Unemployed. Please pray for those who are sick, including Fr Jim Doherty; for all who have died recently, including Mary John, formerly of Morpeth who has died, and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

#### Offertory Collections

◊St Bede's Church Christmas Vigil Mass	£730.10
◊St Bede's Church 30th December	£351.54
◊St Bede's Church Vigil 5th January	£351.52
◊St Robert's Church 6th January	£1,014.15.
◊St Robert's, Standing Orders December	£2,595.92

#### Friends of the Holy Land Crib Collection

Very many thanks to all who contributed to the Crib Collection which Bishop Seamus requested for the Friends of the Holy Land. We raised **£178.80** at St Bede's Church and **£193.44.** at St Robert's Church.



#### Advent Alms

Very many thanks to those at St Robert's Church, who helped support St Cuthbert's Care through the Advent Alms which raised **£953.65**

#### Tea and Coffee after Mass

We have tea and coffee available after the Vigil Mass at St Bede's each Saturday evening. We also have tea and coffee available after the 9am and 11am Masses at St Robert's on Sunday morning.



#### White Flower Appeal

This weekend we have the Annual White Flower Appeal for the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children. There will be a Retiring Collection at all Masses for those who wish to support this collection. SPUC is currently campaigning to stop the decriminalisation of abortion, which means taking abortion outside the law. This is the most dangerous threat to unborn children and their mothers in decades. Are you prepared to stand up for the rights of the unborn and those parents who feel pressured into listening to voices that promote abortion? 552 recorded abortions are carried out in the UK on a daily basis. Please take a postcard next week and send to our MP Ian Lavery.

White Flower Appeal™ 2019  
Please give generously



#### Newsletter Items

Please drop in a note at the Presbytery or e-mail items for the parish newsletter by 7pm on Wednesday to the parish office email address at St Robert's.

#### Flower Arrangers Rota

There will be a meeting on Wednesday 16th January at 7pm in St Robert's Presbytery, for those who might be interested in being involved with / included in a Flower Arranging rota for Church. Come along if you are interested. There's no commitment at this moment. This is just a chance to see what is possible.



#### SVP - Sudan Crisis Appeal

In addition to the amount raised by St Bede's for the Sudan Appeal, another **£190** has been sent from St Robert's. Thanks to those who donated this money, and to anyone who has sent their contributions direct and anyone who has set up a standing order to provide on-going support to this long term project. There are still forms at the back of St Robert's church if anyone else wishes to contribute.

#### St Robert's SVP

The next meeting of the St Robert's SVP Conference will be on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January at 7.30pm.

#### "EDGE" - Middle School Journey of Faith

Edge resumes on Thursday 10th January at 6pm. If you have children of Middle School age, please try to encourage them to come along, even if its only for a taster evening, to see if they enjoy it. You never know ... they might decide they like it!



#### Thomas: Youth Coordinator

Thomas Carrott our Partnership Youth Coordinator will be joining us for Mass at St Robert's [TODAY]. He will say a few words at the end of Mass. He will be present at St Bede's Church in a couple of weeks time.

#### Youth Alpha

Our Partnership is beginning a Youth Alpha Course at the beginning of February for all young people who are in Year 9 and above. Further details very soon.

#### The Northern Catholic Calendar

The 2019 edition of The Northern Catholic Calendar is now available at the back of Church, price £3 each.

#### Catholic Women's League

The next CWL meeting will be held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm in the church hall. This will be a business meeting which will start with prayers.

#### Class Masses

Year 3 and Year 4 from St Robert's First School, will be joining us for Mass on Thursday 17th January at 9.15am at St Robert's Church



#### First Holy Communion preparation

Preparation for First Confession and Holy Communion continues next weekend at both St Bede's Church and St Robert's Church ... 4.15pm Catechesis at St Bede's on Saturday; and immediately after the 9am Mass at St Robert's Church on Sunday. The Theme for this preparation is "God helps me to get it right". We congratulate those children who are using their "Passports" and getting them signed each week that they are at Mass.



#### First Confessions

We will be celebrating First Confession on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January at 6pm at St Bede's Church and 24<sup>th</sup> January at 6pm St Robert's Church. Parents are asked to let the catechists know at which church their children will be celebrating their First Confession.



#### Baptism Preparation Meetings

The next Baptism Preparation Meeting will be held at St Bede's Church on Thursday 17th January at St Bede's Church, Bedlington at 6.30pm and then the February Preparation Meeting will be held at St Robert's. Any parents who are wishing to organise a Baptism should contact either Fr Peter or Deacon Stephen to make arrangements to attend this meeting. Once that has been arranged then a date can be considered for the Baptism.



#### Northumberland Listening Service

A free and confidential Listening Service, is available for those who wish to talk about issues such as Loss and Bereavement, Stress, Anxiety, Relationship Difficulties, Loneliness or other concerns. To make an appointment please telephone ( 07732 980740.

#### Partnership Spirituality Network Meeting

The next meeting of the Partnership Spirituality meeting to plan further services between our partnership Churches will be held on 21st January 2019, 10.30am at St Bede's, Bedlington

#### Partnership Development Group Meeting

The Next PDG Meeting will be held on Wednesday 30th January at Sacred Heart and St Cuthbert Church at Amble

#### The Matthew Project

At St Bede's we have a large bin for the Matthew Project, which is administered by Bedlington Christian Fellowship, and donations can be placed in the bin in the church entrance. Thank you to those who support.

#### Journey in Faith

The next Journey in Faith meeting will be held on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 7pm in the Presbytery at St Robert's.

#### Prayers for a New Bishop

It is very likely that a new Bishop will be appointed for our Diocese this year. Please pray, asking the Holy Spirit to guide the process of appointment and to pray for the Holy Father Pope Francis, the Apostolic Nuncio Archbishop Adams and all who are involved in seeking a successor to Bishop Seamus, who offered his resignation to the Holy Father in July 2017.

#### Churches Together in Bedlington

Churches Together have organised a quiz to be held at Holy Trinity Church, Bedlington, between 7pm— 9pm on Friday 18th January. All are welcome to attend.

#### Wansbeck Valley Food Bank

Now that Christmas is over and we are settling into our New Year, there is still a great need for us to support the work of the Wansbeck Valley Food Bank. If you wish to help, you can donate items of food, by placing them into the Food Bank Box in the Church Porch at St Robert's Church. They are requesting the following ... Tinned rice pudding, Tinned fruit, Tins or packets of custard, Packets of dried potato, tins of hot dogs, Long life milk, Jars of jam, marmalade etc, Thank you for your help.



#### Vocations Weekend for Young Women

"Follow your Heart – Discernment and Vocation" from 15th -17th February 2019 at Liverpool. If you are wondering if God is calling you to religious life and would like to find out more why not come along? You are welcome to stay for the weekend or just come along on Saturday for the day. There will be opportunity for prayer, reflection and input, chance to ask questions and to meet others who are also wondering where God is calling them. For more information contact Sr Lynne fcj at [lynnefcj@hotmail.com](mailto:lynnefcj@hotmail.com) or visit our website [www.fcjsisters.org](http://www.fcjsisters.org)

#### Diocesan Vacancies

The Diocese has the following vacancies:  
**Administrator** for St John XXIII Parish, Washington and St Joseph's Parish, Birtley ... 16 hours per week, 12 month fixed term contract. Closing date 15<sup>th</sup> January.  
**Administrator** for the Department for Safeguarding ... a full-time post on a 12 month fixed term contract. The closing date is 16<sup>th</sup> January.  
**Finance Assistant**, Dept. of Finance, based at the Diocesan Offices in Newcastle – full-time, 3 year fixed term contract. Closing date: 21<sup>st</sup> January.  
 For further information and details of how to apply please visit our website [www.rcdhn.org.uk](http://www.rcdhn.org.uk) or contact HR on 0191 2433301, email [human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk).